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**From:** Ossi, Joseph <FTA>  
**To:** 'Garcia, Nestor'  
**CC:** Fisher, Ronald <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Matley, Ted <FTA>  
**Sent:** 12/19/2008 12:36:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Clarification on Honolulu Extension

FTA's San Francisco office received requests for an extension of the comment period from one or more organizations in Honolulu. FTA considered also the strong public interest, the project's complexity, and the intervening holidays in deciding to extend the comment period. Extensions of comment periods are fairly routine if the requesting party offers good reasons.

-----Original Message-----

From: Garcia, Nestor [mailto:ngarcia@honolulu.gov]  
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 4:11 PM  
To: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>  
Subject: RE: Request for Clarification 2

Ron -

I also left an earlier message on your voice-mail.

I understand the FTA in Washington extended the city's comment period for our draft EIS on the elevated fixed-guideway.

Can you tell me how DC reached that decision? Was the agency acting on some kind of appeal? What is the appeal process?

I need to reset the Council committee meeting calendar - and I need some kind of explanation to the members.

Thanks for your kind attention to this matter.

Aloha,

Nes

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald.Fisher@dot.gov [mailto:Ronald.Fisher@dot.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2008 8:17 AM  
To: Garcia, Nestor  
Cc: Paul.Griffo@dot.gov  
Subject: FW: Request for Clarification 2

Nester,

Your wish is my command! Paul Griffo is in our communications office and our contact for this.

Thanks, Ron

-----Original Message-----

From: Garcia, Nestor [mailto:ngarcia@honolulu.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2008 12:06 AM  
To: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>  
Subject: RE: Request for Clarification 2

Hey Ron!

Hope this note finds you well.

I see that your PR person has been in communication with a reporter - Malia Zimmermann - on whether there is a policy regarding a city spending money to inform people on a proposed mass transit project because this is required by the FTA.

The answer from your PR person is that there is no policy - so, I guess, that means the FTA does not require governments seeking FTA approval for

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its projects to inform the public. Our Mayor has spent more than a few dollars on an informational campaign for our proposed elevated fixed-guidway.

Just wanted to make sure that is the position of the FTA.

Can you forward this message to your PR person to confirm?

Thanks,

Nes

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald.Fisher@dot.gov [mailto:Ronald.Fisher@dot.gov]  
Sent: Thu 4/3/2008 9:22 AM  
To: Segami, Mark  
Cc: Garcia, Nestor  
Subject: RE: Request for Clarification 2

Mark,

Attached is my response to Council Member Garcia. I'll follow up with a hard copy but I wanted to get this to you today given the technology meeting will be held today. I want to apologize for taking so long to get this response back to you. I have been on vacation and have just gotten to it. Should you have questions please feel free to contact me. My phone is 202 366-0257.

Ron Fisher

-----Original Message-----

From: Segami, Mark [mailto:msegami@honolulu.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:56 PM  
To: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>  
Subject: Request for Clarification 2

Aloha, Mr. Fisher:

I am attaching the letter sent by Council Member Garcia dated March 5, 2008, just in case you may have misplaced it.

Aloha,  
Mark

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